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**Interview Summary**

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Date of Interview: 14 November 2007.Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conferencec) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 43.Identification of prior art discussed: Bessler (US 2004/0039452) Gannoe et al. (US 2004/0082963) and Adams (US 6113,609).Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

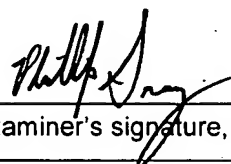
(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's attorneys kindly discussed the general nature of the invention "APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR TREATMENT OF MORBID OBESITY" and what they feel are their novel improvements over the prior art thereof. Further applicant's attorneys discussed the claims and their scope as presently written. Specifically the language and claim limitations concerning the anchor and proximal attachment site; and how the applicant feels his inventions are novel or unique over the prior art of record. Examiner explained how, when given the broadest reasonable interpretation of the claim language, Bessler, Gannoe and Adams, and any obvious modifications of the prior art, anticipated the claims as written. Examiner appreciated applicant's explanation and argument about how the "APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR TREATMENT OF MORBID OBESITY" inventions were different from the prior art, but this argument as to overcoming the rejection and the prior art of record, with the claims as written, is not compelling. It is examiners position that Bessler Gannoe and Adams does disclose all methods and structural components and these elements satisfy all functional, spatial, structural and operational limitations in the claims as written. It was recommended that applicant amend the claims to greater define the aspects of the invention that they consider novel and reasons why this feature is not shown in the prior art and is nonobvious over the prior art of record. Therefore, currently the rejections stand as proper.



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